

## SOME MEMBERS OF MANAGER SAM WRIGHT'S YOUNGSTOWN TEAM



ROY CASTLETON,  
Prominent Member of the Champs  
Last Year.



HARRY OSTDIRK  
Who Will Do the Catching For  
Manager Wright.



GEORGE CASS  
Putting Up a Great Game at First  
For the Champs.



SAMMY SMITH  
A Decidedly Clever Twirler  
With Champs.



C. S. FARRALL  
Now A Member of the Youngstown Captain  
Pitching Staff.



CHARLEY STARR  
and Shortstop of the Clever  
Youngstown Team.



CHARLES M. CLOSKEY  
Second Baseman of the  
Youngstown Team.

CITY LEAGUE  
FANS BUSY

Will Organize for Coming  
Summer.

## VETERANS ARE ANXIOUS

To Again Get Back Into  
the National Game.

Schedule will be Carefully Arranged  
so Games Can be Played  
Every Wednesday Afternoon.

The fact that Marion baseball  
fans are doing little of anything  
nowadays but talk about the great  
team which the city will have  
in the O-P league would seem to  
indicate that there will be little  
time and attention given to the  
sport in an amateur way.

Whatever conditions might seem  
to indicate, there is going to be  
amateur baseball here during the  
present season, and plenty of it.  
In fact, there are many lovers of  
the national game who believe that  
there will be more teams in the  
city this year and greater interest  
will be manifested in them, than  
ever in the history of the city.  
This is saying a great deal, for  
Marion has had some mighty fast  
amateur teams in its days, teams  
that gained more than a local  
reputation and made some of the first-  
est professional organizations step  
pretty lively when they happened

to drop in on the local sand-pile.  
Plans are already being made  
for the organization of a city  
league, which will be made up of  
four teams. The players will  
be taken from the ranks of business  
and professional men and  
shop employees.

There is probably not another  
city of this size in the state which  
can produce as many men capable  
of putting up a fair article of  
ball as Marion. It would be  
safe to say that practically every  
other man in the city, whether he  
be laborer, mechanic, preacher or  
a follower of any other vocation,  
has at some time during his life  
played the national game and to  
this day retains his love for the  
sport.

But Marion has many amateur  
players who can really play the  
game the way it should be played.  
They like to get out occasionally  
and enjoy a game, but the affairs  
of business prevent them from  
making it a regular practice. The  
city league now being planned is  
intended to supply the needs of  
such people. They are the ones  
who will make up the four teams  
and battle throughout the season  
to capture the coveted pennant.

Although plans for the league  
are in a rather indefinite shape, ef-  
forts are now being made to get  
players together for certain repre-  
sentative teams. It is now proposed  
to have a nine representing the  
Y. M. C. A.; one composed of  
members of the Marion Lodge, No.  
32, B. P. O. E. Elks and Canby  
Lodge No. 31, Knights of Pythias  
making a sort of combination team,  
and another composed of members  
of Marion Lodge, No. 402, Knights  
of Pythias.

If there are other organizations  
of men representing other voca-  
tions desiring to get teams to-  
gether, they will be welcomed by

the rest of the pennant chasers.  
No applicants will be barred, just  
as long as they are willing to  
comply with the rules of the league  
and will promise to work for the  
success of the league.

The schedule will be arranged  
so as to have games played once  
a week. It is likely that Wednes-  
day afternoon will be chosen as  
the time, since this day is the  
one in all the week which is the  
least busy for the average busi-  
ness and professional man.

Then it is proposed to have a  
boy's league, which will play its  
games Saturday mornings through-  
out the summer. It is from the  
ranks of the youngsters in knee-  
breeches that must be developed  
the skilled and heady old leaguer,  
and to any one interested in the  
game, it should be a pleasure to  
know that a league of the young-  
sters is being proposed for Mar-  
ion.

Physical Director Donahitt of  
the Y. M. C. A. who is ar-  
ranging for the organization of  
this league, thinks that he can car-  
ry it through the season success-  
fully. In places where he lived be-  
fore coming to Marion, he formed  
similar leagues, and in no case was  
there one which proved a failure.  
The boys invariably take interest  
in the sport and it is rare indeed  
that any team fails to put in its  
appearance on schedule time.

So far as can be learned, Mar-  
ion has never had but one city  
baseball league which might be  
termed a complete success. That  
was the league organized during  
spring of 1901, with five teams in  
the race. All of the teams remain-  
ed intact throughout the season,  
playing two games a week regular-  
ly. The interest lagged at no time,  
despite the fact that one team fail-  
ed to win a game all season. The  
attendance held up until the finish,  
and after the last game had been

played a nice bunch of money was  
divided among the teams.

This league was made up of  
teams known as the Opera house,  
Buckeyes, Stars, High school and  
Kleinmaiters. All were nicely uni-  
formed and well managed. They  
finished in the order named.

The following season another  
city league was organized with  
practically the same players but  
with different teams. The organiza-  
tion made a promising start, but  
after several weeks of playing, one  
or two of the managers became dis-  
satisfied because their teams fail-  
ed to win every game, and the re-  
sult was that the league busted.

Both of these leagues played on  
the old diamond at the fairgrounds.  
Nothing further was done in the  
way of a city league until last sea-  
son, when a number of amateur  
players got together and formed an  
organization to play at Garfield  
park. This affair was on a rather  
unsound basis, however, and failed  
to last for any great length of  
time. No admission could be  
charged as had been the case in  
the city leagues of several years  
previous, and the organization was  
not self-sustaining. Many of the  
players refused to help pay expenses,  
the managers neglected to  
get their men out to the games,  
and the league gradually drifted  
along until it finally disorganized.

If a city league is formed this  
year, and such will probably be  
done, an effort will be made to  
maintain such an interest in the  
games and to have the teams so  
closely matched that it will last  
until the end of the season.

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